



County of San Luis Obispo, California

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

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### **COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks and Recreation Department / Shaun Cooper, 781-4388

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the designation of \$1,000,000 in Parks Public Facilities Fees for the Octagon Barn site improvements associated with the Bob Jones Pathway staging area.

**DATE:** 8/28/2014

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to designate \$1,000,000 of Park Public Facilities Fees funding for improvements to the Octagon Barn site, including grading and parking lot construction, which will serve the Bob Jones Pathway staging area.

#### **Discussion:**

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County and the County have worked collaboratively for many years to develop various segments of the Bob Jones Pathway. The Land Conservancy is willing to permit the County to locate a public staging area, to serve the Bob Jones Pathway, at the Octagon Barn site located on South Higuera Street.

The County operates and maintains approximately 2.5 miles of existing Bob Jones Pathway, extending from the County's Ontario Road staging area to Avila Beach. The Land Conservancy has been working with the County to extend the Bob Jones Bike Pathway from the Octagon Barn site to the Ontario Road staging area. This new segment would be approximately 4.4 miles in length. The Land Conservancy has assisted the County by working with property owners, providing input on project design, and offering the Octagon Barn site as a staging area for the pathway.

The Land Conservancy is in the process of developing the Octagon Barn site as a public center for interpretative education and events. Site improvements will include, but are not limited to: the restoration of onsite buildings; restrooms; site grading; parking; South Higuera left turn lane improvements; and landscaping. These site improvements will serve the Octagon Barn Center and the Bob Jones Pathway staging area.

The County has agreed, as part of Joint Operating Agreement with the Land Conservancy, to grade the Octagon Barn site and develop a parking lot to serve Bob Jones Pathway staging area and the Octagon Barn Center. The Land Conservancy has agreed to operate and maintain the improvements on the Octagon Barn site.

**Other Agency Involvement:**

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo Counsel of Governments.

**Financial Considerations:**

Park Public Facilities Fee (PPFF) funds are collected through residential development and are placed into one countywide fund. \$1,280,147 is available as undesignated PPFF funds. If the recommended \$1,000,000 of PPFF funds is designated, there would be \$280,147 of undesignated PPFF funds remaining.

The Land Conservancy will be responsible for maintaining the Octagon Barn premises and site improvements. The County will be responsible to maintain the Bob Jones Pathway improvements.

**Attachments**

1. Attachment 1- Vicinity Map